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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: International Paper CompanyApplication No./Patent No.: 10/700,931 Filed/Issue Date: November 3, 2003Entitled: Shipping of Live Plants with Perforated Plastic Overwrap**RECEIVED  
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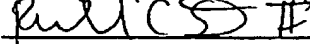
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### ASSIGNMENT - JOINT INVENTOR

WHEREAS, WE, Rhynette N. Hurd, residing at 4460 Whisper Springs Drive, Collierville, TN 38017, and Marianne Duvall, residing at 8861 Deer Creek Lane, Olive Branch, MS 38654; and respectively citizens of the U.S.A. have invented certain new and useful inventions or improvements entitled SYSTEM FOR DISTRIBUTING FORM CONTRACTS AND MONITORING USAGE THEREOF which we have concurrently herewith executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, International Paper Company, a corporation of the State of New York having a place of business at 400 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut 06921, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in and to the said inventions or improvements throughout the world, the said application for United States Letters Patent and any United States Letters Patent granted therefor, and any applications for Letters Patent and the Letters Patent therefor in any country or countries foreign to the United States based thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign and transfer and set over unto the said International Paper Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said inventions or improvements, and to the said application for Letters Patent and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and to any invention or improvement made by us which is described in said application, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may hereafter be filed for said invention or improvement in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said inventions or improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;

AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any official of any country of countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said inventions or improvements to the said International Paper Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument;

AND WE HEREBY covenant that we have full right to convey the entire right, title and interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith;

AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the attorney of record in the said application for Letters Patent to insert in the above right hand corner of this Assignment the serial number and filing date of the said application when officially known;

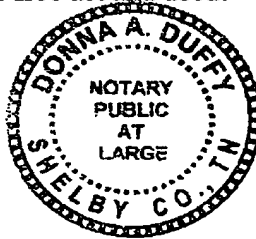
AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said International Paper Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said inventions or improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, reissue, continuation, and continuation-in-part applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said International Paper Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said inventions or improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands and seals this 27 day of September, 2004.

Rhynette N. Hurd L.S.  
RHYNETTE HURD

STATE OF Tennessee )  
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COUNTY OF Shelby )

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Rhynette Hurd to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.



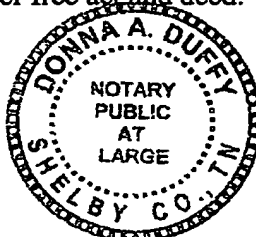
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My commission expires:  
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands and seals this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 2004.

Marianne Duvall L.S.  
MARIANNE DUVALL

STATE OF Tennessee )  
 ) ss:  
COUNTY OF Shelby )

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Marianne Duvall to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.



Donna A. Duffy  
Notary Public  
My commission expires:  
**MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUG. 3, 2005**